

dutifully in Kuwait during Desert Storm operations in 1991 and in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2004. He was recently decorated with Valor for his duty in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Dewayne L. Knott. His many years of distinguished service and commitment to serving his country have been an inspiration. I commend him for his service and I am honored to represent him in the U.S. Congress.

TRIBUTE TO TINA FALLON

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to State Representative Tina Fallon, who after 28 years of service, has chosen not to seek another term in the State House of Representatives. This extraordinary woman is certainly a valuable asset to the State of Delaware as well as being a friend to all. She has been described as not only a benevolent and accomplished citizen, but also an admirable leader. A fixture of her beloved Seaford-area district, she truly is a distinguished Delawarean.

In addition to raising four sons with her late husband, James Fallon, she spent three decades as a Seaford School District biology teacher. While there, she shared her love of education with young people. Upon her retirement from teaching in 1978, she turned her attention to politics, offering Delaware another three decades of amicable and selfless service. Additionally, she served as a member of the influential Joint Finance Committee.

After 14 consecutive terms in office, Representative Fallon is well recognized and respected by her constituents. She has received numerous honors during both her political and professional tenure. In 1998, then Gov. Thomas R. Carper declared her as the "Travel and Tourism Person of the Year," honoring her dedication to promoting and developing the state's tourism industry. In that same year, the National Republican Association recognized her as a Legislator of the Year. Clearly, the service offered by Representative Fallon has been a vital attribute to innumerable causes.

I congratulate State Representative Tina Fallon for her years of remarkable service and countless contributions to the State of Delaware. I am sure that in retirement, she will remain a dynamic and influential member of the community. I would like to thank her for the many sacrifices that she has made for the State of Delaware.

RIGHT-TO-RIDE LIVESTOCK ON FEDERAL LANDS ACT OF 2005

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a strong cosponsor of H.R. 586, the Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2005.

Pack and saddle stock animals were a critical element in many early Americans' liveli-

hood. This bill will preserve their traditional, cultural and historic use of these lands and facilitate the continued access of pack and saddle stock animals on parts of National Park System, Bureau of Land Management lands, National Wildlife Refuge lands and the U.S. Forest System. This legislation will also ensure that any proposed reduction of these uses will undergo the full review process required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Defining managed recreation of this historical practice within our national forests is critical in recognizing the cultural contributions and precedent of pack and saddle stock in our public lands above simple recreational use.

In my congressional district in Tennessee, I have spoken with many of my constituents whose families have spent generations riding horseback through our National Forest trails. Especially in this age of the internet, television and video games, it is vital that we enhance opportunities for people of all ages to come and engage in outdoor activities in America's backyard.

I believe that horse and saddle stock hold a unique place in our heritage. We must pass this bill to ensure its historical preservation and continued enjoyment as a national pastime.

I want to thank the sponsor of this legislation for his support of this important issue and hope that all members can support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. PEGGY REIPSA ON HER RETIREMENT FROM ORLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 135

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Peggy Reipsa on the occasion of her retirement from Orland School District 135. On June 30, 2006, Mrs. Reipsa will be stepping down after 34 years of distinguished service to the young people of Orland Park, Illinois.

From 1977 to 1998, Mrs. Reipsa served School District 135 in multiple capacities, including that of Special Needs Resource Teacher, Reading Teacher, and Instructional Services Assistant. In July of 1998, she accepted a position as Principal of Orland Center School, where she has served the students, faculty, and the community with great distinction.

On behalf of the families of School District 135, I would like to thank Mrs. Reipsa for her tremendous contribution to the education of so many young children over the years. Her guidance and leadership have helped countless children develop the confidence, knowledge, and skills to lead fruitful and fulfilling lives.

So one again, I congratulate Mrs. Peggy Reipsa and wish her a happy and relaxing retirement.

RECOGNIZING LARRY L. HARPER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to posthumously recognize Larry L. Harper of St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. Harper was an outstanding Missourian with a passion for flying and his love of flying has remained an inspiration long after his passing. That passion will be memorialized by a statue, The Aviator, commissioned by his wife Carolyn and placed at Rosecrans Memorial Airport in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Larry's love of flying began at a young age, he would hang around the Rosecrans Airport offering to wash and fuel planes in exchange for flying lessons. While working as a mechanic, Larry eventually earned his pilots license. He logged over 30,000 hours in flight over 40 years of flying for four different companies in aircraft ranging from Aircoups to Lear Jets. His last flight came just one week before his passing, as he jumped at the opportunity to fly a Lear 55, every flight was a special flight for him.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Larry L. Harper. He was a pilot whose passion for the skies inspired the many people whom he met. He has been missed, but his love of flying will never be forgotten and the commitment of his beloved wife Carolyn ensures that all who come to Rosecrans Airport will know his passion. I commend him for his spirit and commitment to aviation and I was honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor, recognition and remembrance of the men and women of our local law enforcement agencies who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and every police officer who braves daily peril in order to protect and safeguard the citizens of our Cleveland community.

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society was formed by a dedicated group of police officers and their families, committed to keeping the immense sacrifice and memories of their loved ones forever alive for themselves and for the entire community to honor. Their focus resulted in a striking, black polished granite monument, consisting of gently sloping walls that cover 1,000 square feet and tower six feet above the ground. The monument bears the name, law enforcement agency, and date of death of each of the 158 officers who have died in the line of duty. Every May, the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial brings together hundreds of police officers and their families from throughout greater Cleveland in unity with the general public to recognize and honor the fallen, to celebrate their lives and great contribution,